

A BARROW WILL BEAR THE BURDEN OF LEADING THE RED SOX TO A LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB THAT BEATS RED SOX WILL WIN FLAG, SAYS BARROW

With Vitt Bolstering Up Infield, Boston Looks Like Best Team in American League—Reserves Powerful Enough to Swing Many Victories

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Tampa, Fla., March 29. THE team that beats the Red Sox will win the American League pennant, said Manager Ed Barrow yesterday as he looked over his squad in preliminary practice.

According to an old saying, a chain is as strong as its weakest link and a baseball club is no exception in its weakest position.

This is an optimistic story from a Boston viewpoint, but no one could help giving the team a boost after watching it in action on the Fair Grounds down here in Tampa.

THERE are twenty-one men on the squad, nineteen of whom will stick. That means the team already is selected and plans can be laid for the coming battle which opens in New York on April 25.

Barrow's Path Is Not a Bed of Roses

HOWEVER, the manager has not an easy job on his hands. Everything looks sweet and lovely now, but it will be different after the season opens.

Barrow is going about his business in the proper way. He is out on the field twice a day, but only occasionally does he talk to the men.

Barrow lays out a system of training and his men follow it. They practice twice a day, at 10:30 and 2:30, work about an hour each time and the practices are strenuous.

"I believe a team can get in shape in three weeks," said Barrow. "The first week can be devoted to limbering up, getting the throwing arms in shape and batting practice, the second to improving team play and the third for finishing up."

"I do not like to experiment with players if it can be avoided. By that I mean the developing of unknowns who never had experience in major or the principal minor leagues.

Nine Good Hurlers on Pitching Staff

BARROW is very well fixed in the pitching department, with nine perfectly good hurlers on his staff. He has four men who can be depended upon to take their turn in the box and win more games than they lose.

Of these Shea is the only doubtful one. Caldwell, Dumont, Pennock and Dubuc will be used as warm-up men and will pitch to the batters in batting practice and decorate the bull-pen for relief duty.

There has been lots of talk about Babe Ruth and where he will play this year. Right now it looks as if he would be used as a pitcher and pinch-hitter, because most of the star hitters in the league are left-handed.

Babe is a modest person, but occasionally talks for publication. "Do you think you will have a good year?" we asked.

"I don't know," was the slow reply. "How about the pennant chances of the club?" "I don't know."

"Will the league be stronger than last year?" "Sure."

"How about the pitching. Will that be better?" "Sure."

"Will it affect your batting and out down your average?" "Sure—I mean no. Excuse me now, I gotta bat. See you later."

RUTH is worried over the right-field fence in the ball park. It is about 1000 feet from the home plate and he wants to "crash one over the wall."

Shane Favored for Second Over Jack Barry

WITH Dave Shean and Jack Barry trying for the job at second base, it probably will be a hard task to make a selection.

According to the players I have talked with, Shean will be the regular second baseman, with Barry on the sidelines as a utility infielder along with Mike McNally.

Wally Schang and Al Walters will take care of the catching this year. Barrow thinks Walters is the third best catcher in the league, putting Steve O'Neill and Ray Schalk ahead of him.



WOMEN'S EVENT IS CALLED OFF Philadelphia Women Win Golf Honors at Pinehurst

Covered Tennis Tourney Will Not Be Held This Season

PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

By ROBERT T. PAUL

THE proposed covered tennis tournament for women on the roof of the Wanamaker Store will not be held this season.

When the covered tournament for men held last month, turned out to be such a fine success a similar event for women immediately was thought of.

But the turn of conditions to regular spring weather and the desire of the players to wait until for outdoor play upset everything.

Tilden-Richards History

The entry of Bill Tilden, of New York, in the national indoor tournament, which started this morning over in New York, recalls the fact that it was in this event last season that the doubles team of Tilden and Richards was first thought of.

Tilden was paired with young Ted Donaldson, of New York. It seems strange, but the former partners met this morning in the first round of the singles.

After joshing a while, Richards turned to Tilden and said, "Say, Bill, what do you say to our winning the national doubles this year?"

Without giving the matter the least bit of thought, Tilden replied in a joking manner, "Why, surely, Vince."

Richards Didn't Forget

The national clay court champion thought nothing of the incident until he received a letter from Richards last spring while serving with the signal corps out in Pittsburgh.

Now Richards is planning to come over to this city and either work at Wannamaker's or go to school at Germantown Academy next fall.

CHARNOCK BEST FENCER Takes First Honors in Eastern Pennsylvania Tourney

Captain N. P. Charnock, of the University of Pennsylvania, was given the honor of first place in the Junior foil meet at the Eastern Pennsylvania division of the Amateur Fencers' Association of America.

Boyle Outpoints Red Allen

Lawrence Boyle, of Philadelphia, was given the decision over Red Allen, of Bridgeport, Conn., in a two-round bout last night.

Houck Draws With Williams

Blizzard Causes Postponements

New Haven, Conn., March 29.—A scheduled four-round bout last night between Joe Wellman and Fred Williams at the New Haven arena, was postponed until tonight because of the blizzard.

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VOSHELL IS CHAMPION

New York, March 29.—The twentieth annual men's national indoor lawn tennis championship tournament in singles and doubles, started this morning at the Seventh Regiment Armory, Park Avenue.

There are three players who stand out as favorites for the title now held by Lieutenant S. Howard Voshell, who will play through in defense of his laurels.

May Pull Surprise

Lawn tennis players are human, like the rest of us, and therefore subject to humanity's common failings, and it may be that the winner of the title will turn up in the person of somebody not so well known to court fame.

HOBSON IS HIGH SCORER

Girard College defeated the Philadelphia Turnerside senior team in a dual swimming meet last night in the former's pool by the score of 45 to 8.

The feature of the evening was the 100-yard dash and plunge for distance, also swimming on the winning relay, totaling twelve points for the Girard College team.

Hobson, of Girard, was the high individual scorer of the meet, as he won the 100-yard dash and plunge for distance, also swimming on the winning relay.

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LOCAL GOLFER LOSES Mrs. Barlow and Partner Fifth in Pinehurst Event

Pinehurst, N. C., March 29.—Mrs. H. C. Booth, of Uniontown, and Mrs. John Chapman, of Greenwich, won the silver foil best ball foursomes tourney on the No. 1 course at Pinehurst yesterday with a score of 98-10-88.

Freshman Elected W. Va. Captain

Morantown, W. Va., March 29.—Homer C. King, of Charleston, W. Va., president of the freshman class of West Virginia University, has been elected to the captaincy of the varsity basketball team for 1920.

Honor St. Columbia Five

The St. Columbia Club will enter a basketball team in the Virginia State basketball tournament in the season of 1918-19, at their hall, Twenty-third and Arch avenues, on Saturday night.

HAS OLD-TIME COLOR IN BASEBALL STARS GONE? QUERIES RICE

Cobb and Speaker Replace Wagner and Lajoie, but Such Characters, Aside From Playing Ability, as Evers, Mathewson and Waddell Have Not Been Introduced

By GRANTLAND RICE

AS ONE star fades out in baseball, another soon rises to take his place, as far as playing ability goes. As Wagner and Lajoie leave, Cobb and Speaker remain. So it goes.

There was Johnny Evers, always a flash of color either well liked or well hated, but always a vivid personality, another character who attracted the attention of the fan outside of his worth around second base.

There was Nap Lajoie, the big Frenchman, whose wonderful grace made as big a hit with the crowd as his prowess with the wooden mace.

There was Mathewson, another striking personality with an attention well beyond his physical output.

There was Rube Waddell, one of the quaint characters of all time. A great card as long as he was able to get a ball up as far as the plate.

There are plenty of great ball players who have all of the old-time ability, but where is the old-time color in its old-time profession? Some of it is still left, but there seems to be a deficit from even the not so remote days of Evers, Wagner, Mathewson and Lajoie.

There was Hank Gowdy, the sandy-haired boy with the wide-spreading grin, whose war record alone will lift him up among the elect.

There was Babe Ruth, who has an unusual personality outside of his ability to pitch and bat.

A third entry is Rube Marquard, who has known one of the most spectacular careers of the game.

There was Jimmie Foxx, who has always attracted fanatical attention. Heinie Zimmerman is still another with splashes of color rippling through his career.

THE same goes for Bennie Kauff and for Rabbit Maranville, but in the main these are not the big drawing cards of other years.

Waddell Baseball's Most Vivid Personality

THE most vivid personality of the entire array was Rube Waddell. Beyond any he was the most spectacular character baseball has ever produced.

There are more quaint, odd stories connected with his diamond career than with the career of any other player, for with all his starting eccentricities he was one of the best left-handers, if not the best left-hander, that ever pitched a ball.

NO WONDER Waddell caught and held the fancy of the populace during his long career.

Managerial Wing Carries Unique Types

THE managerial wing of the show carries a greater number of unique types than the playing wing. There is Kid Gleason, Hughey Jennings, John McGraw, George Stallings and a number of others decked out with a fair or still greater amount of vividness.

Hughey Jennings and his Tigers could not beat the Mackmen, but they could outdraw Connie's Better Ball Club by eight to five at any stage of the race.

AND the gentle art of collecting the kale is no small part of the modern game.

But Don't Overlook the Umpires

WHEN it comes to unique or distinctive types, the best place to look is among the umpires.

To begin with, only a distinctive type would ever think about being an umpire, but such men as Hank O'Day, Bob Emslie and Lord Byron will live long in the annals of the game.

WHAT two men in baseball were better known than Sike O'Loughlin and Tim Hurst?

WESTERNERS INVITE YANKEES

New Yorkers Asked to Train Next Year at Fresno

Jacksonville, Fla., March 29.—The Yankees may train in California next spring.

GIANTS WIN FIRST Smother University of Florida Nine by Score of 8-0

Gainesville, Fla., March 29.—McGraw's Florida nine smothered the University of Florida nine under an 8-0 shut out here yesterday afternoon in the first exhibition game in which either side had indulged this season.

Reading Still Anxious

Definite Answer in International League Question Next Week

Reading, Pa., March 29.—All negotiations looking to Reading's entrance into the International League are expected to be settled by next Wednesday.

Heracles Throws Pilakoff

Wilmington, Del., March 29.—John Heracles, the local heavyweight, defeated defeated Fred Holt, the Finnish, son of Brooklyn, N. Y., in two straight falls, Time, 2:15 and 1:15 minutes, respectively.

Milroy, Catcher, Coming Home

Lebanon, Pa., March 29.—Catcher, of Milroy, throughout Pennsylvania as a baseball catcher, is now at Annas.

Seniors Win Atlantic City Meet

Atlantic City, N. J., March 29.—The Seniors won the fourth intercollegiate basketball carnival, held at the Atlantic City High School last night.

Hartley and Bell Lead

Quaker City two-men sweepstakes rolled Keaton and Hartley and Bell leading with 1:40 and 1:30, respectively.

NATIONAL A. A. * St. Night

Joe Brodie vs. Terry Mitchell

Tommy Dixon vs. Jimmy Wilson

Jesse James vs. Willie Hanson

Battling Leonard vs. Tommy Herman

JOE FOX vs. FREDDY REESE

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